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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 681
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A RESOLUTION To confirm the appointment of Michael W. Black
to the Tennessee State Forestry Commission

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides for the creation of a State Forestry Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, further provides that each member shall be appointed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist has appointed Michael W. Black of Jasper, Tennessee, to the Tennessee State Forestry Commission to represent a statewide conservation organization having as one of its principal objectives the conservation and use of the forest resource; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black received his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black is a professional forest and wildlife manager with the Sequatchie Forest and Wildlife consulting firm located in Jasper, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black has significant expertise and experience in providing technical assistance to private forest landowners on matters of forest and wildlife management including timber inventory and appraisal, site preparation and tree planting, wildlife habitat development, administration of hunting leases, timber marketing and sales preparation, and other multiple use management measures; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black currently manages over 13,000 acres of forest land for Quality Deer Management objectives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black was a Landowner Assistance Forester and Compartment Forester for ten years with Bowater Incorporated, Southern Division Woodlands in Calhoun, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black is the co-author of several technical articles concerning wildlife management programs in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black was received several awards and recognition for achievement in resource conservation including "Conservationist Forester of the Year" by the Marion County

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Soil Conservation District in 1994, Project Learning Tree Facilitator of the Year, Ducks Unlimited Conservation Service Award and State Chairman's Honor Roll Award, and Tennessee Master Gardner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black has held several leadership positions in regional and statewide conservation organizations including Chairman of the Tennessee Conservation League, District Chairman of Tennessee Ducks Unlimited, Chairman of the Sequatchie Valley Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, and Hunter Education Instructor with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides that each member shall be confirmed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly prior to beginning such member's term of office; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this Body does hereby confirm the appointment of Michael W. Black of Jasper, Tennessee, to the Tennessee State Forestry Commission.